# A Bitopological $(1,2)^*$ Semi-generalised Continuous Maps

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**Abstract.** We introduce a new type of generalized sets called  $(1,2)^*$  semigeneralized closed sets and a new class of generalized functions called  $(1,2)^*$ semi-generalized continuous maps. We obtain several characterizations of this class and study its bitopological properties and investigate the relationships with other new functions like  $(1,2)^*$  g-continuous maps and  $(1,2)^*$  gc-irresolute maps.

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### 1. Introduction

Levine [5] introduced the concept of Generalized closed sets in topological spaces. Also the notion of semi-open sets in topological spaces was initiated by the same Levine [4]. Bhattacharyya and Lahiri [1] introduced a class of sets called semigeneralized closed sets by means of semi-open sets of Levine [4] and obtained various topological properties corresponding to [5]. Sundaram *et al.* [12] introduced and studied the concept of a class of maps namely *g*-continuous maps which included the continuous maps and a class of *gc*-irresolute maps. In this paper, we generalize the concept of semi-generalised closed sets to  $(1,2)^*$  semi-generalised closed sets and obtain various bitopological properties. The generalizations, in most of the cases, are substantiated by suitable examples.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout the present paper,  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $(Z, U_1, U_2)$  (or simply X, Y, Z) denote bitopological spaces.

**Definition 2.1.** [10] A subset S of X is called  $\tau_1\tau_2$  open if  $S \in \tau_1 \cup \tau_2$  and the complement of  $\tau_1\tau_2$  open set is  $\tau_1\tau_2$  closed.

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**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\varphi, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\varphi, X, \{b\}\}$ . The sets in  $\{\varphi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$  are called  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\varphi, X, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  are called  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed.

**Definition 2.2.** [10] Let S be a subset of X.

i) The  $\tau_1\tau_2$  closure of S, denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2 \operatorname{cl} S$ , is defined by  $\cap \{F/S \subset F \text{ and } F \text{ is } \tau_1\tau_2 \text{ closed } \}$ .

ii) The  $\tau_1\tau_2$  interior of S, denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2$  int S, is defined by  $\cup \{F/F \subset S \text{ and } F \text{ is} \}$ 

 $\tau_1 \tau_2 \text{ open } \}.$ 

**Definition 2.3.** [10] A subset S of X is said to be

i)  $(1,2)^* \alpha$ -open set if  $S \subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{int}(\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{int} S))$  and

ii)  $(1,2)^*$  semi-open set if  $S \subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{int} S)$ . The complement of  $(1,2)^*$  semi-open  $[(1,2)^* \alpha$ -open] set is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed  $[(1,2)^* \alpha$ -closed].

**Definition 2.4.** [10] A subset S of X is called pairwise  $\alpha$ -open set in X if S is both  $(1,2)^*\alpha$ -open set and  $(2,1)*\alpha$ -open set. The family of all  $(1,2)^*$  semi-open  $[(1,2)^*$  semi-closed] sets of X is denoted by  $(1,2)^*$  SO (X)  $[(1,2)^*SC(X)]$ . The intersection of all  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed sets of X containing a subset S of X is called  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closure of S and is denoted by  $(1,2)^*$  scl(S). Analogously, the  $(1,2)^*$ semi-interior of S, denoted by  $(1,2)^*$  sint(S), is the union of all  $(1,2)^*$  semi-open sets contained in S.

**Remark 2.1.** A subset S of X is  $(1, 2)^*$  semi-closed if and only if  $(1, 2)^*$  scl S = S.

**Theorem 2.1.** [11] Let A be a subset of X. Then i)  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) = A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{int}(\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl} A)$  and

*ii*)  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{sint}(A) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{int} A).$ 

**Definition 2.5.** [9] Let S be a subset of X. Then S is called  $(1,2)^*$  generalized closed (briefly  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed) set if and only if  $\tau_1\tau_2 \text{ cl} S \subset F$  whenever  $S \subset F$ and F is  $\tau_1\tau_2$  open. The complement of  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed set is  $(1,2)^*$  g-open. Ravi and Thivagar [9] have proved that the intersection of two  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed sets is generally not a  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed set and a  $\tau_1\tau_2$  closed set is always  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed set. Also, some properties of  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed sets were discussed.

**Remark 2.2.** The union of two  $(1,2)^*$  *g*-open sets is generally not a  $(1,2)^*$  *g*-open set as seen from the following example.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Clearly  $\{c\}$  and  $\{b\}$  are  $(1, 2)^*$  g-open sets but  $\{b, c\}$  is not  $(1, 2)^*$  g-open.

Here, we introduce the new concept of  $(1, 2)^*$  semi-generalized closed set.

**Definition 2.6.** A subset S of X is said to be  $(1,2)^*$  semi-generalized closed (briefly  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed) if and only if  $(1,2)^*$  scl $(S) \subset F$  whenever  $S \subset F$  and F is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-open set. The complement of  $(1,2)^*$  semi-generalized closed set is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-generalized open.

**Example 2.3.** A  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set need not be  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed set. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Clearly  $\{a\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set but it is not  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed since  $\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl}\{a\} = \{a, c\} \not\subset \{a\}$  whenever  $\{a\} \subset \{a\} = F$  and F is  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open.

**Example 2.4.**  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed set need not be  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . So the sets in  $\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Clearly  $\{a, b\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed set but not  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed since  $(1,2)^*$  scl $\{a, b\} = X \not\subset \{a, b\}$  whenever  $\{a, b\} \subset \{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, b\} \in (1,2)^*$  SO (X).

**Remark 2.3.** Examples 2.3 and 2.4 show that  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed and  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed sets are, in general, independent.

Here we introduce a new class of maps as follows:

**Definition 2.7.** A map  $f : X \to Y$  is called

i)  $(1,2)^*$  sg-continuous if the inverse image of each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$  closed set in Y is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set in X.

ii)  $(1,2)^*$  g-continuous if the inverse image of each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$  closed set in Y is  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed set in X.

iii)  $(1,2)^*$  gc-irresolute if the inverse image of each  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed set in Y is  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed in X.

**Definition 2.8.** [10, 11] A map  $f: X \to Y$  is called  $(1,2)^*$  semi-continuous if the inverse image of each  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open set in Y is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-open set in X.

**Remark 2.4.** A map  $f : X \to Y$  is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-continuous if and only if the inverse image of each  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed set in Y is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed set in X.

### 3. Characterizations

**Lemma 3.1.** For any subset S of X,  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{sint}[(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl} S - S] = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* The proof is obvious.

**Proposition 3.1.** Every  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open set is  $(1, 2)^*$  g-open set.

*Proof.* Let S be an  $\tau_1\tau_2$  open set in X. Then X - S is  $\tau_1\tau_2$  closed. Therefore  $\tau_1\tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(X-S) = (X-S) \subset X$  whenever  $X - S \subset X$  and X is  $\tau_1\tau_2$  open. It implies X - S is  $(1, 2)^*$  g-closed. Thus, S is  $(1, 2)^*$  g-open set.

**Proposition 3.2.**  $(1,2)^*$  g-open set need not be  $\tau_1\tau_2$  open set. Refer Example: 2.10. Clearly  $\{b\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  g-open set but it is not  $\tau_1\tau_2$  open.

**Proposition 3.3.** For each  $x \in X, \{x\} \in (1,2)^*SC(X)$  or  $X - \{x\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed in X.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\{x\} \notin (1,2)^* SC(X)$ . Since  $X - \{x\}$  is not  $(1,2)^*$  semi-open set, the space X itself is only  $(1,2)^*$  semi-open set containing  $X - \{x\}$ . Therefore  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}[X - \{x\}] \subset X$  holds and so,  $X - \{x\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.1.** A sub set S of X is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed if and only if  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S) - S$  contains no non-empty  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed set.

*Proof.* Necessity: Let F be a  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed set such that  $F \subset (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S) - S$ . Then

(3.1) 
$$F \subset (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S) \text{ and } F \not\subset S \Rightarrow F \subset X - S$$

Since  $X - F \in (1,2)^*$  SO (X) and  $S \subset X - F$ . By the definition of  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set, it follows that

(3.2) 
$$(1,2)^*\operatorname{scl}(S) \subset X - F \Rightarrow F \subset X - (1,2)^*\operatorname{scl}(S).$$

Thus, by (3.1) and (3.2),  $F \subset [(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S)] \cap [X - (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S)] = \emptyset$ .

Sufficiency: Let  $S \subset G$  where  $G \in (1,2)^*$  SO (X). If  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S) \not\subset G$ , then  $[(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S)] \cap [X-G] \neq \emptyset$ . As we have  $[(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S)] \cap [X-G] \subset (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S) - S$  and  $[(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S)] \cap [X-G]$  is a non-empty  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed set, we obtain a contradiction. Hence the theorem.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 3.1.** Let S be  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set in X. Then S is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed if and only if  $(1,2)^*$  scl(S) - S is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed.

*Proof.* Necessity: Let S be  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set in X and  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed. Then  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S) - S = \emptyset$  which is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed.

Sufficiency: Let  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S) - S$  be  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed and S be  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set in X. Then  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S) - S$  does not contain any non empty  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed subset  $\Rightarrow (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S) - S = \emptyset$ . Thus  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(S) = S \Rightarrow S \in (1,2)^* SC(X)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.2.** If A is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed and  $A \subset B \subset (1,2)^*$  scl A then B is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $B \subset F$  where  $F \in (1,2)^*$  SO (X). Since A is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed and  $A \subset F$ , it follows that  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl} A \subset F$ . By hypothesis,  $B \subset (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl} A$  and hence  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl} B \subset (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl} A$ . Consequently  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl} B \subset F$  and B becomes  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set.

**Theorem 3.3.** In  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2), (1, 2)^*$  SO  $(X) = (1, 2)^*$  SC (X) if and only if every subset of X is  $(1, 2)^*$  sg-closed.

*Proof.* Sufficiency: Let  $A \subset F$  where  $F \in (1,2)^*$  SO  $(X) = (1,2)^*$  SC (X). Therefore  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) \subset (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(F) = F$ . Thus A is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set.

Necessity: Let  $F \in (1, 2)^*$  SO (X). Since every subset of X is  $(1, 2)^*$  sg-closed, F is  $(1, 2)^*$  sg-closed  $\Rightarrow (1, 2)^*$  scl $(F) \subset F \Rightarrow (1, 2)^*$  scl(F) = F. Therefore  $F \in (1, 2)^*$  SC (X). Let  $G \in (1, 2)^*$  SC (X). Then  $X - G \in (1, 2)^*$  SO(X). Since X - G is  $(1, 2)^*$  sg-closed, it may be seen as before that  $X - G \in (1, 2)^*$  SC  $(X) \Rightarrow G \in (1, 2)^*$  SO (X). This proves the theorem.

**Theorem 3.4.** A subset A of X is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-open if and only if  $F \subset (1,2)^*$  sint A whenever  $F \in (1,2)^*$  SC (X) and  $F \subset A$ .

*Proof.* Necessity: Let A be  $(1,2)^*$  sg-open set in X and suppose  $F \subset A$  where  $F \in (1,2)^*$  SC (X). Since X - A is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set,  $(1,2)^*$  scl $(X - A) \subset X - F$  whenever  $X - A \subset X - F$  and  $X - F \in (1,2)^*$  SO (X). Now  $(1,2)^*$  scl(X - A) =

 $X - (1,2)^* \operatorname{sint} A \subset X - F \Rightarrow F \subset (1,2)^* \operatorname{sint} A.$ 

Sufficiency: If  $F \in (1,2)^*$ SC (X) with  $F \subset (1,2)^*$  sint A whenever  $F \subset A$ , it follows that  $X - A \subset X - F$  and  $X - (1,2)^*$  sint  $A \subset X - F \Rightarrow (1,2)^*$  scl $(X - A) \subset X - F \Rightarrow X - A$  is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed  $\Rightarrow A$  is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-open.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $(1,2)^*$  sint  $A \subset B \subset A$  and A is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-open set then B is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-open.

*Proof.* By hypothesis,  $X - A \subset X - B \subset X - (1,2)^* \operatorname{sint} A = (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(X - A)$ since X - A is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set, By Theorem 3.2, X - B is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed  $\Rightarrow B$ is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-open.

**Theorem 3.6.** A subset A of X is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed if and only if  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) - A$  is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-open set.

*Proof.* Necessity: If A is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed and F is a  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed set such that  $F \subset (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl} A - A$  then by Theorem 3.1,  $F = \{\emptyset\}$ . Hence

$$F \subset (1,2)^* \operatorname{sint}[(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) - A]$$

by Lemma. 3.1 and by Theorem 3.4,  $(1, 2)^* \operatorname{scl} A - A$  is  $(1, 2)^* \operatorname{sg-open}$ .

Sufficiency: Suppose  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) - A$  is  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{sg-open}$  set. Let  $A \subset F$  where  $F \in (1,2)^*$  SO (X). Then  $X - F \subset X - A$  that is  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) \cap (X - F) \subset (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) \cap (X - A)$ . Thus  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) \cap (X - F)$  is a  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{semi-closed}$  subset of  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) \cap (X - A) = (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) - A$ . Therefore by Theorem 3.4  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) \cap (X - F) \subset (1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) - A] = \emptyset$  by Lemma 3.1. Hence  $(1,2)^* \operatorname{scl}(A) \subset F \Rightarrow A$  is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.2.** Let A be  $(1,2)^*$  semi-open set in X and suppose  $A \subset B \subset \tau_1 \tau_2 clA$ . Then B is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-open set in X.

*Proof.* Since A is  $(1,2)^*$  semi- open set in X,  $A \subset \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{int} A)$  and since  $A \subset B, \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{int} A) \subset \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{int} B)$ . Therefore

$$A \subset \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{int} B) \Rightarrow \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl} A \subset \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{int} B)$$

and since

$$B \subset \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl} A, B \subset \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{int} B).$$

Thus B is  $(1,2)^*$  semi- open set in X.

**Theorem 3.7.** i) If a map  $f: X \to Y$  is  $(1,2)^*$  open and  $(1,2)^*$  semi-continuous then  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1,2)^*$  SO (X) for every  $V \in (1,2)^*$ SO (Y). ii) If a map  $f: X \to Y$  is  $(1,2)^*$  open and  $(1,2)^*$  semi-continuous then  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1,2)^*$ 

ii) If a map  $f: X \to Y$  is  $(1,2)^*$  open and  $(1,2)^*$  semi-continuous then  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1,2)^*$  SC (X) for every  $V \in (1,2)^*$  SC (Y).

*Proof.* i) For an arbitrary  $B \in (1,2)^*$  SO (Y), there exists an  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open set V in Y such that  $V \subset B \subset \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \operatorname{cl} V$ . Since f is  $(1,2)^*$  open map, we have  $f^{-1}(V) \subset f^{-1}(B) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \operatorname{cl} V) \subset \tau_1 \tau_2 \operatorname{cl} f^{-1}(V)$ . Since f is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-continuous and V is  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open set in Y,  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1,2)^*$  SO (X). By Lemma 3.2, we obtain  $f^{-1}(B) \in (1,2)^*$  SO (X).

ii) For an arbitrary  $B \in (1,2)^*$  SC  $(Y), Y - B \in (1,2)^*$  SO (Y). By i)  $f^{-1}(Y-B) \in (1,2)^*$  SO  $(X) \Rightarrow X - f^{-1}(B) \in (1,2)^*$  SO  $(X) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(B) \in (1,2)^*$ SC (X).  $\Box$ 

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**Theorem 3.8.** For any  $(1,2)^*$  gc-irresolute map  $f : X \to Y$  and any  $(1,2)^*$  gcontinuous map  $g : Y \to Z$ , the composition  $g \circ f : X \to Z$  is  $(1,2)^*$  g-continuous map.

Proof. Let V be any  $U_1U_2$  closed set in Z. Since  $g: Y \to Z$  is  $(1,2)^*$  g-continuous map,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed in Y. Since  $f: X \to Y$  is  $(1,2)^*$  g-cirresolute map,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (gof)^{-1}(V)$  is  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed in X. Thus  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is  $(1,2)^*$  g-continuous map.

**Theorem 3.9.** If  $f : X \to Y$  is bijective,  $(1,2)^*$  open and  $(1,2)^*$  g-continuous map then f is  $(1,2)^*$  g-cirresolute.

Proof. Let A be a  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed set in Y. Let  $f^{-1}(A) \subset F$  where F is an  $\tau_1\tau_2$ open set in X. Therefore  $A \subset f(F)$  holds. Since f(F) is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$  open and A is  $(1,2)^*$ g-closed in Y,  $\sigma_1\sigma_2 \operatorname{cl} A \subset f(F)$  holds and hence  $f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2 \operatorname{cl} A) \subset F$ . Since f is  $(1,2)^*$  g-continuous map and  $\sigma_1\sigma_2 \operatorname{cl} A$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$  closed set in Y,  $f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2 \operatorname{cl} A)$  is  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed in X. Then  $\tau_1\tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2 \operatorname{cl} A)) \subset F$  and so,  $\tau_1\tau_2 \operatorname{cl}(f^{-1}(A)) \subset$  $F \Rightarrow f^{-1}(A)$  is  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed in X. Thus, f is  $(1,2)^*$  gc-irresolute map.  $\Box$ 

**Remark 3.1.** The following three examples show that no assumption of the Theorem 3.9 can be removed.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Let  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{c\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed. Let  $f : X \to Y$  be defined by f(a) = f(c) = a; f(b) = b. Clearly f is  $(1, 2)^*$  g-continuous and  $(1, 2)^*$  open map. But f is neither bijective nor  $(1, 2)^*$  gc-irresolute map.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Let  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and the sets in  $\emptyset, Y, \{b, c\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed. Let  $f : X \to Y$  be the identity map. Clearly f is  $(1, 2)^*$  g-continuous and bijective. But f is neither  $(1, 2)^*$  open nor  $(1, 2)^*$  g-irresolute map.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Let  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  are both  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed. Let  $f : X \to Y$  be the identity map. Clearly f is bijective and  $(1, 2)^*$  open map. But f is neither  $(1, 2)^*$  g-continuous nor  $(1, 2)^*$  g-irresolute map.

**Remark 3.2.** If  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$  are both  $(1,2)^*$  sg-continuous maps then the composition  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  need not be  $(1,2)^*$  sg-continuous as per the following.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Let  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y\}$ . So

the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a, b\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{c\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed. Let  $U_1 = \{\emptyset, Z, \{a\}\}$  and  $U_2 = \{\emptyset, Z, \{b\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Z, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$  are  $U_1U_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Z, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  are  $U_1U_2$  closed. Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be the identity map and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be the identity map. Then f is  $(1, 2)^*$  sg-continuous map and g is  $(1, 2)^*$  sg-continuous map but  $g \circ f$  is not  $(1, 2)^*$  sg-closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

#### 4. Comparisons

**Remark 4.1.** From the subsets defined above, we have the following diagram of implications:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tau_1 \tau_2 \text{ closed} & \stackrel{\not\leftarrow}{\to} & (1,2)^* g\text{-closed} \\ \downarrow \uparrow & & \downarrow \uparrow \\ (1,2)^* \text{semi-closed} & \stackrel{\not\leftarrow}{\to} & (1,2)^* sg\text{-closed} \end{array}$$

where  $A \twoheadrightarrow B$  means A does not necessarily imply B.

**Proposition 4.1.** Every  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed set is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed.

*Proof.* Let A be  $\tau_1\tau_2$  closed set in X. Then X - A is  $\tau_1\tau_2$  open in X. Since every  $\tau_1\tau_2$  open is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-open,  $X - A \in (1,2)^*$  SO (X). Thus  $A \in (1,2)^*$  SC (X).

**Example 4.1.**  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed set need not be  $\tau_1\tau_2$  closed. Refer Example 2.2. Clearly  $\{b\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed set but not  $\tau_1\tau_2$  closed.

**Proposition 4.2.** Every  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed set is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed.

*Proof.* Since A is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed,  $(1,2)^*$  scl  $A = A \subset X$  whenever  $A \subset X$  and  $X \in (1,2)^*$  SO (X). It implies that A is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set.  $\Box$ 

**Example 4.2.** A  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set need not be  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed. Let  $X = \{a,b,c\}, \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a,b\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a,b\}\}$  are  $\tau_1\tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1\tau_2$  closed. Clearly  $A = \{a,c\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set but it is not  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed.

**Remark 4.2.** The following example shows that the union of two  $(1, 2)^*$  sg-closed sets is not, in general,  $(1, 2)^*$  sg-closed.

**Example 4.3.** Refer Example 2.3. Clearly  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$  are  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed sets. But  $\{a,b\}$  is not  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed since  $(1,2)^*$  scl $(\{a,b\}) = X \not\subset \{a,b\}$  whenever  $\{a,b\} \subset \{a,b\}$  and  $\{a,b\} \in (1,2)^*SO(X)$ .

**Remark 4.3.** The intersection of two  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed sets is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed.

**Remark 4.4.** From the maps we stated above, we have the following diagram of implications. Where  $A \longrightarrow B$  does not necessarily imply B.

$$(5) \stackrel{\nleftrightarrow}{\to} (4) \stackrel{\leftarrow}{\to} (1) \stackrel{\nleftrightarrow}{\to} (2) \stackrel{\nleftrightarrow}{\to} (3)$$

where  $(1) = (1,2)^*$  continuity,  $(2) = (1,2)^*$  semi- continuity,  $(3) = (1,2)^*$  sg-continuity,  $(4) = (1,2)^*$  g-continuity and  $(5) = (1,2)^*$  gc-irresolute.

**Proposition 4.3.** Every  $(1,2)^*$  semi-continuous map is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-continuous.

*Proof.* Let V be any  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed set in Y. Since  $f : X \to Y$  is  $(1,2)^*$  semicontinuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-closed set in X. By Proposition 4.2,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-closed set in X. Thus, f is  $(1,2)^*$  sg-continuous map.  $\Box$ 

**Example 4.4.** The converse of Proposition 4.3 is false. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Let  $Y = \{a, b, c\}, \sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, b\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, a, b\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{c\}, b, c\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed. Let  $f : X \to Y$  be the identity map. Clearly f is  $(1, 2)^*$  sg-continuous map but not  $(1, 2)^*$  semi-continuous since  $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\} \notin (1, 2)^* SO(X)$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** Every  $(1,2)^*$  continuous map is  $(1,2)^*$  semi-continuous.

*Proof.* It is obvious.

**Example 4.5.** The converse of Proposition 4.4 is false. Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Let  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}, \{c\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed. Let  $F : X \to Y$  be the identity map. Clearly f is  $(1, 2)^*$  semicontinuous map but not  $(1, 2)^*$  continuous since  $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  is not  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open.

**Example 4.6.** The composition map of two  $(1, 2)^*$  semi-continuous maps is not always  $(1, 2)^*$  semi-continuous. Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Let  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{b, c\}, \{c\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed. Let  $U_1 = \{\emptyset, Z, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $U_2 = \{\emptyset, Z, \{b, c\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Z, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $U_1 U_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Z, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $U_1 U_2$  closed. Let  $F : X \to Y$  be the identity map and define  $g : Y \to Z$  as g(a) = b, g(b) = a and g(c) = c. Clearly, f is  $(1, 2)^*$  semi-continuous map since  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}\{b, c\}) = f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$  is not  $(1, 2)^*$  semi-open set in X.

However, we obtain the following Remark as an immediate consequence of the example.

**Remark 4.5.** If  $f : X \to Y$  is an  $(1,2)^*$  open and  $(1,2)^*$  semi-continuous map and  $g : Y \to Z$  is a  $(1,2)^*$  semi-continuous map, then  $g \circ f : X \to Z$  is  $(1,2)^*$ semi-continuous.

**Proposition 4.5.** Every  $(1,2)^*$  continuous map is  $(1,2)^*$  g-continuous.

*Proof.* It is proved from definitions.

**Example 4.7.** The converse of Proposition 4.5 is false. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Let  $Y = \{p, q\}, \sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{p\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y\}$ .

So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{p\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{q\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed. Define  $f : X \to Y$  as follows f(a) = f(c) = q, f(b) = p. Clearly f is  $(1, 2)^*$  g-continuous map but not  $(1, 2)^*$  continuous since  $f^{-1}(\{q\}) = \{a, c\}$  is not  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed.

**Remark 4.6.** The composition of two  $(1,2)^*$  *g*-continuous maps is not, in general,  $(1,2)^*$  *g*-continuous map as is illustrated in the following example.

**Example 4.8.** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Let  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed. Let  $U_1 = \{\emptyset, Z, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $U_2 = \{\emptyset, Z\}$ . So  $U_1U_2$  open =  $U_1$  and  $U_1U_2$  closed =  $\{\emptyset, Z, \{b\}\}$ . Let  $f : X \to Y$  be the identity map. Let  $g : Y \to Z$  be the identity map. Clearly f is  $(1, 2)^*$  g-continuous map and g is  $(1, 2)^*$  g-continuous map but  $g \circ f$  is not  $(1, 2)^*$  g-continuous mapping. Since  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}\{b\}) = f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is not  $(1, 2)^*$  g-closed  $[\tau_1 \tau_2 cl(\{b\}) = X \not\subset \{a, b\}$  whenever  $\{b\} \subset \{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, b\}$  is  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open.]

**Remark 4.7.** A map  $f : X \to Y$  is  $(1,2)^*$  g-irresolute if and only if the inverse image of every  $(1,2)^*$  g-open in Y is  $(1,2)^*$  g-open in X.

**Proposition 4.6.** Every  $(1,2)^*$  gc-irresolute map is  $(1,2)^*$  g-continuous.

*Proof.* Since every  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed set is  $(1,2)^*$  g-closed, it is easily proved by straightforward.

**Example 4.9.** The converse of Proposition 4.6 is false. Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b\}\}$  are  $\tau_1 \tau_2$  closed. Let  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y\}$ . So the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$  closed. Define  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \to (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  as follows f(a) = f(c) = a and f(b) = b. Clearly f is  $(1, 2)^*$  g-continuous map but not  $(1, 2)^*$  g-closed in X.

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